



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

Kauai County, HI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

Kauai County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The county's multi-cultural population of approximately 58,463 is 31 percent native Hawaiian, 19 percent Filipino, and 13 percent Japanese. Land on the 647-square-mile island is zoned into three major uses—56 percent conservation, 39 percent agriculture, and less than 5 percent urban. In recent years, the economy has been changing from being based on agriculture to being based on tourism and technology. This change is causing some dislocations in the local labor force. To preserve working farms and conservation areas, the county wants to identify and evaluate abandoned and unused properties for future redevelopment.

Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Kauai County for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to inventory potential brownfields sites, prioritize the sites according to redevelopment potential, conduct Phase I and II site assessments on the most promising properties, and produce redevelopment and cleanup plans. Funds will also be used for community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.